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Administration of Justice

Need for the abolition of the District Munsif's Court, Tiruvadi, Tanjore district.

* 775 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that three successive District Judges of West Tanjore, Messrs. Stodart, I.C.S., P. C. Lobo and E. G. Barter, I.C.S., recommended the abolition of the District Munsif's Court of Tiruvadi;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the file in the District Munsif's Court, Tiruvadi, is nearly 50 per cent less than the standard of outturn fixed for that court by the High Court; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that numerous memorials have been received from litigants within the area of the Tiruvadi District Munsif's Court, praying for the abolition of the Tiruvadi Court and for their inclusion within the jurisdiction of the District Munsif's Court, Tanjore?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether we are to understand that the Government have received no memorials from the public with regard to the closing of this Munsif's Court?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No; the Government have received no memorials."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government will ascertain from the High Court whether they have received any such memorials, and if so, whether any action will be taken?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I have called for information from the High Court as to whether they have received any memorial on the matter, and I have stated so in the printed answer."

Depressed Classes

Prevalence of tuberculosis in the Paddison Hostel, Royapetta.

* 776 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur R. SRINIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students in the Paddison Hostel, Royapetta, Madras, during the year ending the 31st December 1933;

(*b*) the number of students of the hostel who died of tuberculosis during the year;

(*c*) the number of students of the hostel sent to the Tuberculosis Hospital at Royapetta during the year;

(*d*) the number at present in the hospital;

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(*e*) the number of students suspected of the infection still living in the hostel;

(*f*) whether any medical officer attends on the students;

(*g*) if the answer be in the affirmative, the number of visits he pays in a month;

(*h*) whether he examines each and every student periodically and reports to the Superintendent of the hostel or the Commissioner of Labour;

(*i*) if the answer be in the affirmative, when the last report was made;

(*j*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to remove the Paddison Hostel or the Tuberculosis Hospital from the present locality, viz., Royapetta; and

(*k*) what the educational and other institutions are that surround this hospital of infectious disease in Royapetta?

A.—(*a*) Fifty-four.

(*b*) One student reported to be suffering from tuberculosis was taken home for treatment. He is reported to have died.

(*c*) One.

(*d*) One.

(*e*) Four are suspected to be suffering from incipient pulmonary tuberculosis.

(*f*) A medical officer of the Royapetta Hospital visits the hostel periodically as the medical officer of the hostel.

(*g*) The number of visits is not fixed. As the hospital is very close to the hostel, the medical officer attends whenever necessary.

(*h*) All students are examined annually. The report in each case is entered in the Hostel Medical Register and is submitted to the Honorary Superintendent. Boys whose health is shown to be weak are given special diet and treatment under the direction of the Medical Officer.

(*i*) Each boy is examined at least once per academic year the examinations being spread over the months of the year. During the current year 29 out of 54 students have been examined and the examination of the remaining students will be completed shortly.

(*j*) There is a proposal to construct a Government building for the hostel in the Spur Tank. The proposal has been deferred on account of financial stringency.

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There is no proposal at present to remove the Tuberculosis Hospital from the present locality.

(*k*) There are a Corporation school and three Mission schools within two furlongs of the hostel.

Rao Bahadur R. SRINIVASAN:—"May I know since, how long this disease has been prevalent in the hostel?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I have no information; I must ask for notice."

Rao Bahadur R. SRINIVASAN:—"For answering this question, the Superintendent should have been asked to give details; if so, may I know whether there is no information given by him as to how long this disease has been prevalent there?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"We got the information from the Commissioner of Labour."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*j*), may I know whether the Government ever considered the question of having a separate building for the hostel?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"It has been stated here that the proposal has been deferred on account of financial stringency."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know when the student referred to in the answer to clause (*b*) was first noticed to be suffering from tuberculosis?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I have no information on that point."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether a tubercular student is not a source of danger to the other boys in the hostel?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I must ask for notice in order to get medical opinion on that point."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the proximity of this hostel to the Tuberculosis Hospital in the Temple Gardens has anything to do with this attack?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"Again I must ask for notice in order to get medical opinion on that point."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"In view of the fact that there are certainly a number of students suffering from this disease, will it not be better if some enquiry is made to find out what really are the causes, whether the attack is due to insufficiency of food or the quality of the food supplied, or even on account of the surrounding atmosphere in the locality?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I shall make further enquiries, if necessary."

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11-15 a.m. Rao Bahadur R. Srinivasan:—" May I ask the Hon. the Home Member whether it is not a fact that the Corporation School and a Mission School are abutting on the walls of the Tuberculosis Hospital?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" I must ask for notice."

Rao Bahadur R. Srinivasan:—" May I know, Sir, whether besides these institutions, the Y.M.C.A. Reading room and the Paddison Hostel, there is also a Mission High School all within a distance of half a furlong?"

The Hon. the President:—" The answer in a way is given in clause (k) wherein it is stated that there are a Corporation School and three Mission Schools within two furlongs of the hostel."

Rao Bahadur R. Srinivasan:—" Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether dead bodies from the Tuberculosis Hospital are carried to the General Hospital and Royapetta Hospital as there is no dead-house attached to the Tuberculosis Hospital?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" I must ask for notice of the question, Sir."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Irrigation

Proposals of the Tank Restoration Scheme Party to remodel the North Kodaimel Alagian channel in the Tinnevelly district.

777 Q.—Mr. Daniel Thomas: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the North Kodaimel Alagian channel in the Tinnevelly district—

(a) whether the Tank Restoration Scheme Party has investigated the channel and made proposals for remodelling and repairing the channel;

(b) what action has been taken by the Government in regard to these proposals and the defects in the channel pointed out by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; and

(c) when the Government propose to undertake and finish the remodelling and repairs of the channel?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 432, dated 10th November 1933.

(b) & (c) The Executive Engineer proposes to carry out the essential repairs to the channel in the order of urgency spreading them over about four years, and is sanctioning an estimate for special repairs to a portion of the channel in a ridge in order to send more supply down. An estimate for replacing some of the palmyra spouts by masonry sluices to minimise wastage is also under preparation.